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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO USINFO WASHDC IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 2378

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

UNCLAS PHNOM PENH 7911

USINFO ALSO FOR VOA NEWSROOM

USINFO ALSO FOR IEA

BANGKOK FOR HEDGES

BANGKOK AND SAIGON FOR VOA CORRESPONDENTS

STATE FOR S/PRS AND EA/P

CAMBODIAN SITUATIONER

1. SOUTH OF PHNOM PENH A LARGE FANK FORCE MOUNTED AN ATTACK TOWARDS THE SOUTH THURSDAY MORNING IN VICINITY OF ROUTE 3. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY M-113 ARMOURED PERSONNEL CARRIER UNITS, FANK ARTILLERY AND U.S. TACTICAL AIRCRAFT. THEIR OBJECTIVE IS TO DRIVE THE ENEMY BACK SOUTH OF THE PREK THNAOT RIVER.

2. ON ROUTE 1 TO NEAK LUONG, THE ENEMY ATTACKED NEAR THE TOWN OF DEI ETH THURSDAY MORNING AND MANAGED TO CUT THE ROAD BETWEEN THE TOWN AND PHNOM PENH. THIS ACTION TOOK PLACE SOME 20 KILOMETERS FROM THE CAPITAL, THE CLOSEST THE ENEMY HAS COME TO PHNOM PENH ON ROUTE 1. A FANK REACTION FORCE IS BEING SENT TO THE AREA. AND IN THE SSAME VICINITY, THERE WERE PROBES AND ATTACKS BY FIRE WEDNESDAY AGAINST FANK POSITIONS BETWEEN THE MEKONG

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AND BASSAC RIVERS.

3. THE ENEMY CONTINUED HIS PRESSURE AGAINST PREY VENG, SKOUN AND IN THE VIHEAR SUOR REGION WITH NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION IN THE PAST 24 HOURS.

4. THREE ROAD AND ONE DOWN-RIVER MEKONG CONVOY ARRIVED AT THEIR RESPECTIVE DESTINATIONS WEDNESDAY WITH NO INCIDENTS REPORTED. A TOTAL OF 500 TRUCKS MOVED IN THE TWO ROUTE 4 CONVOYS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS BETWEEN THE CAPITAL AND THE SEA AND IN THE ONE ROUTE 5 CONVOY FROM BATTAMBANG. THEIR CARGOES CONSISTED MAINLY OF RICE, LIVESTOCK, CEMENT AND MILITARY AID ITEMS.

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